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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application.

Claims 1-2 remain pending in the application.

I. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,590,573 to Geshwind ("Geshwind"). The Examiner states that Geshwind discloses the limitations of claim 1, namely a method of stereoscopic image processing on a networked computer system comprising loading a first image and a second image, color matching the two images, stereoscopically aligning the first and second image and displaying a stereoscopic image of the first and second images. The Examiner additionally states that Geshwind discloses all the limitations of claim 2.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 2 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the features of the invention. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite the aligning step as "stereoscopically aligning said first and second images recursively through a return loop." Claim 1 has also been amended to place the claim in a proper method form. Claim 2 has been amended to recite "selecting and applying a depth metamorphosis processor iteratively."

The invention, as recited in the claims, is directed to stereoscopic image processing on a computer system. Importantly, one of the important steps in stereoscopic imaging is manually aligning the two 2D images by selecting a zero parallax point and adjusting the registration points of the images recursively by adjusting the points until a

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proper stereoscopic image is formed. The invention additionally includes a stereoscopic metamorphosis process for converting an image into a stereoscopic image by selecting and applying a depth metamorphis processor iteratively.

In contrast, Geshwind is directed to a computer system for creating three dimensional image information without any recursive or iterative steps. Geshwind discloses a stereo alignment feature (see Column 7 line 44 to Column 12 line 24) which consists of a zero parallax point offset. There is no teaching or suggestion in Geshwind to apply the stereo alignment step recursively through a return loop. Additionally, there is no teaching or suggestion in Geshwind to select and apply a depth metamorphis processor iteratively on the image.

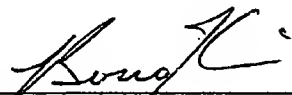
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that claims 1 and 2 are allowable over the cited reference.

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II. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-2 are now in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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